



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.**

**In the Decker Room  
8020 Nesters Road, Whistler, BC V0N 1B8**

**PRESENT:**

RMOW Council, S. Maxwell  
Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Beresford  
RCMP, R. Knapton  
RMOW Bylaw Services, T. Lunn  
Conservation Officer Service, B. Mueller  
AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy  
Whistler Blackcomb, A. DeJong  
Get Bear Smart Society, N. Fitzgerald  
Member at Large, N. Dudley  
Member at Large, M. Toom (on phone)

**PUBLIC:**

Whistler Wildlife Protection Group, I. Minic-Lukac

**REGRETS:**

Carney's Waste Systems, P. Kindree  
RMOW Environmental Coordinator, L. McIvor

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by R. Knapton

**That** Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee agenda of February 14, 2018.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by A. DeJong

**That** Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee minutes of January 10, 2018

CARRIED

C. Ruddy nominated to act as WBAC co-chair as per Terms of Reference adopted by Council on January 23, 2018.

Moved by R. Knapton  
Seconded by A. DeJong

CARRIED

## Updates

### Conservation Officer Service

- No bear reports in Sea to Sky corridor

### Bylaw Services

- No bear activity
- Solid Waste Bylaw amendments underway as per previous WBAC discussions
- Discussion re: solid waste plan requirements for special events. Review WB approach for alignment.

ACTION: Distribute special event solid waste plan guidelines to WBAC. Request update regarding new Special Events bylaw.

### RCMP

- No bear activity

### Whistler Blackcomb

- No bear activity

### AWARE/Grizzly Initiative

- No bear activity
- Encourage WBAC members to attend RMOW Community Vision Forum, March 5

Carney's – N/A

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

### 2018 Communications Plan

Reviewed 2018 Communications Plan and 2017 social media review.

- Include relevant key message(s) in every social media post
- Educational messages appear to get fewer viewers than public safety messages (e.g. bear in certain neighbourhood). Consider using photos to prove the point.
- Emphasize that there are consequences (tickets) to non-compliance with the bylaw
- Missing message – it only takes once for a bear to get a reward and become food conditioned
- AirBNB and VRBO rentals should provide bear-related and garbage disposal information to guests.

ACTION: Create a "one-pager" on RMOW bears and waste management that could be on whistler.ca for download.

- Include message that people should call Bylaw Services if an attractant issue is observed in Whistler. Bylaw Services can then contact the right person/department to address the problem.
- Inspiration aspects – need to change public perception of COS. Share positive information at start of season.
- Further refine target audiences in communications plan

*R. Knpton left at 9:20 a.m.*

- Some revision of communications plan key messages
- BC Transit pilot project

**ACTION:** Staff to receive monthly report from BC Transit identifying any issues, and develop communications solutions to provide to public.

**ACTION:** Update 2018 Communications Plan as discussed, and forward to WBAC and RMOW Communications team.

S2S Bear Management Workshop

The S2S Bear Management Workshop is scheduled for April 18 at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre.

- Invitations sent to corridor local governments, First Nations, WBAC, other partners.
- Mike Badry and Simon Gravel to speak

Licence Inspectors Forum

T. Lunn discussed opportunity for RMOW to share bear management approach at upcoming Licence Inspectors and Bylaw Officers Association of BC zone meeting or annual conference in 2019.

**ACTION:** T. Lunn investigate how to get on zone meeting agenda.

**Past Actions Review:**

Bylaw Services will meet with H. Beresford and L. McIvor to examine wording issues in the Solid Waste Bylaw discussed in December WBAC meeting; will bring ideas back to WBAC at February meeting	Heather and Lindsay met with bylaw in early January. New wording has been developed and agreed to; Bylaw Services will take the amended bylaw to Council ASAP.
Environmental Coordinator to use stats received from RMOW Communication department and start improving pre-existing Communications Calendar.	In progress. Communications Calendar can be updated after the Communications Plan is updated during February WBAC meeting
Bylaw Services to revise wording of offences in the Municipal Ticketing Information system to fit on a ticket (i.e. wording too long currently).	In progress. Is being led by Bylaw Services and will occur as part of larger updates to MTI system.

L. Mclvor to follow up with Emma DalSanto and Communications Department to offer assistance again on the garbage on buses initiative.	In progress. Lindsay met with Emma and Whistler Transit on Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> and Lindsay has created a high-level communications framework and shared this with Emma/Anyssa
WBAC requests that Bylaw Services review the Solid Waste Bylaw with respect to the identified issues and bring back to WBAC for further discussion.	In progress. Lindsay/Heather met with Bylaw Services. Lindsay working with internal partners to move amendments forward.
L. Mclvor will circulate the amended Terms of Reference to the WBAC.	Completed
L. Mclvor/H. Beresford to touch base with Parking Lot Committee and RMOW Communications Department.	The Day Lot Committee has approved signage. Some suggestions/comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lot 3 zone by the skateboard would be a good zone as there is high traffic</li> <li>• Placement: Be mindful of other signage (I informed the committee that you will be using the wayfinding sign template so it should be in keeping with what we have.)</li> </ul> The group would like to see the draft signage and proposed locations when ready.
L. Mclvor/H. Beresford to invite a rep from the Communications Department to the February meeting to participate in communications planning.	Communications unable to attend individual meetings at this time. Provide plan to Comms when complete.
L. Mclvor to circulate existing communications plan prior to February meeting with request for members to review.	Completed.

Other Business

COS and RMOW annual agreement to be prepared in Q1.

Hunting boundary change along Callaghan Road

ACTION: H. Beresford to follow up on process.

Briefly discussed Whitehorse bear program researcher request for information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by T. Lunn

**That** the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the February 14, 2018 Council meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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CO-CHAIR: C. Ruddy

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RECORDING SECRETARY: H. Beresford